Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan are finalized by the Planning Commission. This exercise has not been completed by the Planning Commission, so far.

**Setting up of food parks**

†*117. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up thirty food parks in the country, for providing better prices to farmers for their produce, under food processing industries;

(b) if so, the places where these food parks would be set up; and

(c) the steps taken to promote horticulture produces and floriculture and their processing, in addition to traditional farming in backward regions like Vidharbha in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI), has provided financial assistance to fifty six (56) food parks in the country upto 31st March, 2007. A Statement indicating locations of food parks is enclosed (*See* below).

MFPI has submitted a revamped scheme to Planning Commission, which envisages providing financial assistance for setting up of thirty mega Food Parks in the country during Eleventh Five Year Plan period. The scheme is project oriented, not location specific. The scheme aims to provide a mechanism to bring together farmers, processors and retailers and link agricultural production to the market so as to ensure maximization of value addition, minimize wastages and improve farmers' income. Ministry has awarded a pre-feasibility study for identification of locations for five Mega Food Parks initially at five regions.

Ministry of Agriculture has launched National Horticulture Mission as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for holistic growth of the horticulture sector through an area based regionally differentiated strategies which includes research, technology promotion, extension, post-harvest management, processing and marketing, in consonance with comparative advantage of each State/region and its diverse agro-climatic features. The scheme is implemented in all the States including Maharashtra, except the North Eastern States, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand for which a separate Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture exists. The National Horticulture Board (NHB) has sanctioned 5278 projects and an amount of Rs. 94.44 crore has been released under the scheme in Maharashtra including Vidharbha region since 2001-02.

---

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

***Statement***

*Details of Food parks approved for financial assistance*

| Sl. No. | State | Location of the Project | Implementing agency | Year of approval |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | Kuppam, Distt.-Chittoor | Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Ltd. | 2000-01 |
| 2. | Assam | Chaygaon, Distt. Kamrup | Assam small Industries Development Corporation Ltd. | 2000-01 |
| 3. | Bihar | Hajipur, District Vaishali | North Bihar Ind. Area Dev. Authority, C/o Department of Industries. | 2002-03 |
| 4. | Chhattisgarh | Vill: Teadesara, Distt.-Rajnandgaon | Chhattisgarh State Industrial Development Corporation. | 2001-02 |
| 5. | Haryana | Saha, Distt.-Ambala | Haryana state Ind. Dev. Corporation Ltd. | 2001-02 |
| 6. | Haryana | Rai, Distt.-Sonipat | Haryana state Ind. Dev. Corporation Ltd. | 2001-02 |
| 7. | Jammu & Kashmir | Khunmoh, Distt.-Srinagar | J&K State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. | 2000-01 |
| 8. | Jammu & Kashmir | Sopore, Baramulla | J&K State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (J&K SIDCO). | 2002-03 |
| 9. | Jammu & Kashmir | Jammu | Jammu Agro Industrial Food Park | 2001-02 |
| 10. | Karnataka | Malur, Distt.-Kolar | Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board/Food Karnataka Limited. | 2000-01 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11. | Karnataka | Bagalkot | Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board/Food Karnataka Limited. | 2000-01 |
| 12. | Karnataka | Jevargi | Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board/Food Karnataka Limited. | 2002-03 |
| 13. | Karnataka | Hirriyur | M/s Akshay Food Park Limited. | 2006-07 |
| 14. | Kerala | Distt. Mallapuram | Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation. | 1996-97 |
| 15. | Kerala | Aroor, Distt.-Alappuzha | Marine Products Infrastructure Development Corporation P. Ltd. (MIDCON)/Seafood Park India Ltd. | 2001-02 |
| 16. | Kerala | Mazhuvannur, Ernakulam | Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA). | 2002-03 |
| 17. | Kerala | Adoor | Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA). | 2005-06 |
| 18. | Madhya Pradesh | Jaggakhedi, Distt.-Mandsaur | Madhya Pradesh Audyogic Kendra Vikas Nigam (Indore) Ltd. | 2000-01 |
| 19. | Madhya Pradesh | Nimrani, Distt. Khargone | Madhya Pradesh Audyogic Kendra Vikas Nigam (Indore) Ltd. | 2001-02 |
| 20. | Madhya Pradesh | Piparia, Babai, Distt.-Hoshangabad | Madhya Pradesh Audyogic Kendra Vikas Nigam (Bhopal) Ltd. | 2001-02 |
| 21. | Madhya Pradesh | Borgaon, Distt. Chhindwara | M.P.Audyogik Kendra, Vikas Nigam (Jabalpur) Ltd. | 2001-02 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22. | Madhya Pradesh | Malanpur, Ghirongi, District Bhind (M.P) | M.P. Audyogik Kendra, Vikas Nigam (Gwalior) Ltd. | 2002-03 |
| 23. | Madhya Pradesh | Maneri, Distt. Mandla | M.P. Audyogik Kendra, Vikas Nigam (Jabalpur) Ltd. | 2002-03 |
| 24. | Maharashtra | Butibori, Distt.-Nagpur, | Maharashtra Agro Industries Development Corporation Ltd. | 2000-01 |
| 25. | Maharashtra | Vinchur, Distt. Nashik | Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation. | 2001-02 |
| 26. | Maharashtra | Mouza Gumthala, Bhandara Road, Distt. Nagpur | M/s Haldiram Krishi Udyog Pvt. Ltd., Distt. Nagpur. | 2002-03 |
| 27. | Maharashtra | Village Sangvi, Distt. Satara | M/s Agrifood Informatics (India) Ltd, Pune-411013. | 2002-03 |
| 28. | Maharashtra | Palus, Distt.-Sangli | Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation. | 2003-04 |
| 29. | Maharashtra | Kapsi, Taluka Kamtee, Distt. Nagpur | M/s Maa Umiya Audyogic Sahakari Vasahat Maryadit. | 2005-06 |
| 30. | Maharashtra | MIDC Industrial Area, Shendra, Aurangabad | M/s Laxmi Nirmal Pratisthan. | 2006-07 |
| 31. | Manipur | Lamphelpat, Imphal | Manipur Food Industries Corporation Ltd. | 2000-01 |
| 32. | Manipur | Distt.-Ukhrul | Rishang Keishing Foundation for Management of Tribal Areas. | 2001-02 |
| 33. | Mizoram | Chhingchip, | Mizoram Food and Allied Industries. | 2001-02 |
| 34. | Nagaland | Bamunpukri, Dimapur | Progressive Rural Development Society. | 2006-07 |
| 35. | Orissa | Khurda | Orissa Indl. Infrastructure Development Corporation. | 2001-02 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 36. | Punjab | Sirhind, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib | Punjab Agri Export Corporation. | 2000-01 |
| 37. | Rajasthan | Ranpur, Distt. Kota | Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation Ltd., (RIICO). | 2002-03 |
| 38. | Rajasthan | Boranada, District - Jodhpur | Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation Ltd., (RIICO). | 2002-03 |
| 39. | Rajasthan | Sri Ganganagar | Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation Ltd., (RIICO). | 2003-04 |
| 40. | Rajasthan | Alwar | Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation Ltd., (RIICO). | 2006-07 |
| 41. | Tamil Nadu | Virudhunagar, Distt.-Madurai | V.P.S Ayyemperumal Nadar & Sons. | 2000-01 |
| 42. | Tamil Nadu | Dindigul District | Nilakottai Food Park Ltd. | 2004-05 |
| 43. | Tripura | Bodhjungnagar, West Tripura | Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. | 2000-01 |
| 44. | Uttar Pradesh | Ghaziabad | Wise Industrial Park Ltd. | 1999-00 |
| 45. | Uttar Pradesh | Kharkion, Distt.-Varanasi | U.P. State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. | 2000-01 |
| 46. | Uttar Pradesh | Shahajanwa, Gorakhpur | Gorakhpur Industrial Dev. Authority. | 2004-05 |
| 47. | Uttar Pradesh | Village Kushalipur, Distt.-Saharanpur | M/s Kushal International Limited. | 2002-03 |
| 48. | Uttar Pradesh | Kursi Road, Distt.-Barabanki | U.P. State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. | 2000-01 |
| 49. | West Bengal | Chakgaria, 24 Parganas (South) | State Fishermen's Cooperative Ltd., (BENFISH), Kolkata. | 1998-99 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 50. | West Bengal | Dankuni, Distt. Hooghly | Modular Consultants Pvt. Ltd. | 1996-97 |
| 51. | West Bengal | Haldia District Midnapore | Haldia Development Authority, Haldia. | 2002-03 |
| 52. | West Bengal | Sultanpur, South 24 Parganas | State Fishermen's Cooperative Ltd., (BENFISH), Kolkata. | 2003-04 |
| 53. | West Bengal | Malda | Deptt. of Food Processing Industries and Horticulture, Govt. of West Bengal. | 2003-04 |
| 54. | West Bengal | Shankarapur, Distt. Purba Medinipur | Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture, Aquatic Resources, Govt. of West Bengal. | 2004-05 |
| 55. | West Bengal | Sankhrail, Howrah | West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC). | 2004-05 |
| 56. | West Begal | Murshidabad | M/s Pataka Industries Limited. | 2005-06 |

**Auction of coal blocks**

*118. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in sharp contrast to the Coal Ministry's views to auction coal blocks to various sectors his Ministry has strongly opposed the move;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether his Ministry has written to PMO in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (d) Auction of coal blocks to various sectors is under consideration of the Government. Ministry of Mines has neither opposed nor written to the Prime Minister's Office opposing the auctioning of Coal blocks to various sectors.

**Approval for private educational Institutions**

*119. SHRI DHARAMPAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that promoters of private educational institutions like medical, dental and engineering colleges, require approval from the Central Government;